Advancing Democracy and Human Rights Research Review



Project Title	Advancing Democracy and Human Rights Research Review
Project Summary	Interns will research content for, and develop online tools and systems that enhance democracy, human rights, and labor program monitoring, evaluation, and learning.
Country	United States

Project Description

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Office of Global Programs (DRL/GP) manages over \$300,000,000 annually in foreign assistance programs that support the State Department's policy priorities of promoting democracy, human rights, and labor initiatives globally. The Applied Learning and Evaluation (ALE) team housed in DRL/GP leads the Bureau in its efforts to systematically gather evidence and promising practices that advance democracy, human rights, and labor program objectives.

The ALE team is curating research related to the field of democracy development, democratization efforts, democratic transitions and consolidation, democratic movements, political action, democratic backsliding and rising authoritarianism. This will include academic and practitioner research on the trends in the field of foreign assistance support for democracy-oriented programs. The intent of the project is to collect and collate research to help inform iterative theoretical frameworks of change in this space that can assist the design of democracy and human rights programs.

A VSFS eIntern will be an important contributor in this effort by:

Researching democracy program literature
Curating the program literature to inform a democracy strategic framework
Developing an "interactive" resource where DRL staff and grantees can access research on democratization.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Research

Additional Information

VSFS students should indicate any previous experience/interest in democracy promotion or human rights programming, monitoring and evaluation, and/or research.

Language Requirements

None